



Commission on Child Care Meeting Summary February 15, 2017

Members Present: Lindsey Allard Agnamba, Barbara Andrews, Rosalba Bonilla-Acosta, L'Ornya Bowie, Hashan Chowdhury, Carl Eggleston, Diana Holzberger, Yvonne Iscandari, Jessica Kelley, Sybil Philip, Laura Seminario-Thornton, Claudia Simmons, Greg Smith, Lynn Sobolov (for April Kaplan), Greg Stevens, Barbara Warman, Dr. Mayme Williams and Lara Woodruff

Members Absent: Michelle Belski, Pamela Dunn, Liz Habberman (for Blaise DeFazio), Brigid Howe, Edward Krauze, Barbara Warman, Dr. Mayme Williams and Lara Woodruff

Guests Present: Louis Mozzano, Crystal Ruiz and Michael Subin

Staff Present: Erin Stillwell (DHHS) and Sarah Wilch-Spamer (DHHS)

Rosalba Bonilla-Acosta, vice chair, called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM.

Minutes: Review of meeting minutes from January 18, 2017

ACTION: Meeting minutes were approved with changes noted; all in favor

Overview of Early Childhood Work Presented by Dr. Barbara Andrews

Highlights of the Presentation:

- Strategic Plan 2017
- CC Bill 13-15 Child Care Expansion and Quality Enhancement Initiative
- Universal Pre-K Discussion

Other Commission Business:

Public Policy Committee Update (Greg Smith)

- PP committee is reviewing the CUPF program assessment/audit; will be inviting Mr. William Broglie, senior program manager who had oversight on the audit.

PI Committee Update (Greg Stevens)

- PI committee is reviewing the strategic plan and proposal for Universal Pre-K

Executive Committee Update (Rosalba Bonilla Acosta)

- Shared the CE's letter in response to the CCC's letters written re. bill 12-16-minimum wage

- Need to create a slate for chair and vice chair by March 15th meeting; election to happen in April

Updates

- **WPA/Subsidy** (Yvonne Iscandari)
 - As of today: 353 families/545 children on the wait list
 - State supplemental voucher: issued 366 vouchers, but are having challenges with the return of those vouchers; provider state that they are charging the same amount that is provided by the state subsidy so they do not need to use the supplemental vouchers.
- **Early Childhood Coordinating Council** (Rosalba Bonilla-Acosta)
 - ECCC has 3 committee; all met today during their meeting to work on aligning priorities with those listed in the strategic plan; discussed which priorities in the plan can be implemented with current resources available.
- **County Early Care and Education Update** (Barbara Andrews)
 - As of right now the HHS budget is flat funded

Announcements

Carl Eggleston: OCC hired 2 licensing specialists (will need to go thru training and shadowing before getting a caseload); caseloads have changed so licensing specialists might change; average caseload should be 105-110; State survey on customer satisfaction available

Mike Subin: talked about commission terms and the importance of remaining in your position until vacancy is filled

Crystal Ruiz: shared information about HB 1080 introduced by Delegates Walker and Hixon FY 19-Universal Pre-K

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 pm